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In re application of:)
	John H. Givens)) Art Unit
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For:	UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE)))
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Sir:

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Dated this 23 day of June 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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